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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION
SUBJECT: Rumkovich

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The attached was submitted [REDACTED] as a statement from
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SUMMARY: Role of Demokracija under changed Yugoslav Political Situation

1. The newspaper Demokracija is the voice of the Slovene democratic anti-Communist movement. It was organized in April 1947, and today serves the PTT, Gorizia and sends some copies clandestinely into Slovenia.

2. According to its stated principles, resolutions and performance, Demokracija is the only true political newspaper in Europe carrying on an unrelenting fight against Communism and materialism. It is the firm voice of the free Slovence and Slavs, and its articles are based on three principles of the Western civilization: democracy and human rights, national rights and freedom of religion.

3. On this basis the newspaper defends the rights of the Slovence people of the PTT, Gorizia and Slovenia, to whom it shows, by its determined democratic opposition, the way to freedom, independence and liberation. Demokracija is not only the spokesman of free and democratic Slovence but also reveals the real intentions of all Communism operating in the enslaved Slav world, which is preparing itself for a new life in the company of democratic nations.

4. Demokracija is well aware that the falling out of Tito and Yugoslavia with the Cominform means to the Western democratic world. This is the first blow against Bolsheviks and Cominformatism, which came from within the iron curtain itself. Demokracija has interpreted this Yugoslav resistance and supports it.

In this unique political situation, the U.S. can carry on a double-pronged strategy. Though it has found it monetarily advantageous to assist Tito, at the same time it could maintain the morale of anti-Tito groups outside and inside Yugoslavia and prepare them for an eventual dissolution of Communism. Demokracija is ready to fulfill this function by continuing to combat Cominformatism and expose Communism, in general, here on the fringes of Yugoslavia.

It may also be mentioned that it would be to the advantage of the U.S. to preserve the good will of Slovence in the PTT, Gorizia and Yugoslavia who could serve as a friendly and reliable nucleus in the event the Tito government should collapse, or if the Soviets should decide to seize Yugoslavia.

5. The Tito-Cominformatism rift in the PTT split the Communists in such a manner that the larger majority took the Cominformatism side against Tito. This situation has created an even greater urgency for Demokracija, for it is the only newspaper which is not dependent on Tito. It plays an important role in directing Slovence in their campaign against Cominformatism.

The continued existence of Demokracija in the PTT is also necessary in view of the tremendous defeat experienced by the Tito Communists in the PTT.

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Now, there is a need for a competent counter-espionage agent to prevent Cominformism from having a free hand among all three of the PTT and Gerizia.

6. In closing it is suggested that ~~Demokratia~~ be enlarged to an 8 page edition to enable it to carry on effectively its fight against Cominformism.

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